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Aged Woman Has Big Oil Holdings In Mississippi

HEIDELBERG, Miss. — (ANP)—But they are all alike and they are among those who have benefited all brothers. God made all of us, by recent oil discoveries in this locality is Mrs. Effe Husband, who has 74 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Husband is reported to own three excellent oil production wells.

While she is only one of many white and Negro local residents who have suddenly become wealthy by the discovery of oil on their land, Mrs. Husband's experience with the oil business has not been altogether smooth. The aged woman, who owns about 80 acres of land with her son, paid dearly for her ignorance when oil was first discovered on her property by accepting \$100 from a white man for a share of her royalties. Her son, Norman, made the same mistake by accepting \$280 for a third of his royalties.

"It seems," he said, "we just did not know a thing," he discovered what a great mistake she and her son had made only when her sister received \$5,000 for a similar share of her rights.

RE-SOLD 80 ACRES

Mrs. Husband recalled that she and her husband owned 140 acres but sold it to T. M. Heidelberg, a local storekeeper, before her mate died in 1916 in order to clear up the family debts. The white storekeeper re-sold, Mrs. Husband 80 of the original 140 acres they had owned. She still remembers how she suggested that the names of her two sons be included on the deed in order to give them something to work for.

Although the land was finally paid for after 10 years of struggle, "it wasn't hardly enough to keep us eating," she said. Her son, William, finally decided to go north to work in a defense factory. He was employed in a California airplane factory when oil was discovered on her land.

BUILDS FIRST SCHOOL

Even before she became oil wealthy, Mrs. Husband was active in the life of her community. She is credited with building the first Negro school here by selling coffee and cake to teamsters on cotton wagon trains as they passed her home.

"God made the flowers and God made people, too," she philosophizes

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among two nephews and a niece. His share in the Jones Brothers partnership amounted to a fourth interest.

Negro Bellboy Wills \$100,000 For Charities

Baltimore, March 27 (AP).—A retired Negro employee of the exclusive Maryland Club and the Baltimore Club created in his will a trust fund of more than \$100,000 to be used for the "charitable and educational needs" of Baltimoreans "regardless of race, color or creed." Emanuel Chambers, who was 84 when he died last Wednesday, left \$2,500 to the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, where his funeral services were conducted last Friday.

The aged Negro, who never married, provided that the fund be known as the Emanuel Chambers Foundation, Inc., and named four businessmen as directors and trustees.

Chambers requested in his will that the fund be used for the care of "children, the poor sick, aged and the helpless and to assist hospitals, asylums, charitable organizations, educational institutions and medical organizations."

He stated that the needs of Johns Hopkins Hospital, the Provident Hospital and Free Dispensary and the Instructive Visiting Nurse Association of Baltimore be given consideration.

Chambers also left \$1,000 each to Dr. Henry M. Thomas, jr., and Dr. J. A. C. Colston "in appreciation for services" and \$1,000 to his housekeeper, Alice Harris. Articles of furnishings were left to relatives and friends.

Chambers accumulated the money over a period of about 25 years, turning over his savings to Ellicott Worthington, his broker, periodically. Worthington said he, Chambers, was worth more at the time of his death than at any previous time.

The aged Negro formerly was officially chief bellboy at the Maryland Club, but in reality was known as more or less a "general factotum."

LINES COMFORTABLY

The aged woman lives comfortably in a little white cottage and works endlessly on quilts for her 74 grandchildren, her 28 great-grandchildren and her one great-great-grandchild. While she is not bitter at losing a large sum of money because of ignorance, many of the local whites are perplexed as to why the powers that make oil flow fail to abide by their local ideas of "white supremacy."

"Why some of these 'n-----s' are getting rich," they bellow. The oil boom in Mississippi started when Frederick Francis Mellen, a young WPA geologist, was searching for a clay which could be molded into cereal bowls and mugs for a school lunch project for undernourished children more than six years ago.

Oldest Bank Has Million in Assets

NASHVILLE—Citizens Savings Bank and Trust Company, oldest colored banking institution in the United States, re-elected Henry A. Boyd president at its forty-first annual meeting.

The institution now has resources of a million dollars. Directors elected were: C. E. Gordon, Miss S. B. Wilson, D. W. Clucher, S. H. Simpson, C. W. Flint, I. L. Moore, E. W. D. Yeac, Henry A. Boyd, Mrs. Preston Taylor, W. C. Sheffield, W. S. Walker, A. G. Price, J. T. Patton, W. D. Laws, Flee Otey, John Bright, W. A. Bock and H. H. Walker.

Mack Jones Leaves Half Million Estate

The estate of the late McKissick McHenry Jones, 39, prominent Chicago business man, amounts to \$544,500, according to an inheritance tax return filed here last week in county court disclosed. Jones, who was killed here in an automobile accident on July 22, 1944, left his wife, Jean, a \$150,000 trust fund as well as a \$10,000 bequest. After a \$50,000 bequest to his nephew, Edward P. Jones Jr., income from the balance of the estate goes to his mother. At her death the estate will be divided

Ex-Deputy Recorder Gets Bulk of Arnold Estate

The Washington Tribune Washington D.C. Richard Whitfield Tompkins, lawyer and former deputy recorder of deeds, will receive the bulk of the estate of his aunt, the late Miss Laura G. Arnold, 76, at the time of her recent death, a teacher in the Washington schools for fifty years, according to the terms of her will just filed for probate.

Filed with the will dated October 2, 1944, was Mr. Tompkins' petition for probate which listed the value of the estate as follows: premises at 419 Q St. N. W., \$4,126; cash in Industrial Bank, \$300.36; benefits from Teachers' Benefit Association, \$200, and Teachers' Retirement Fund, approximately \$700; total value of \$5,326.30.

Debts totaled \$942.40, with \$750 of this being incidental to her last illness and funeral.

Bequests Ordered

Here's how Miss Arnold, who retired as principal of the Langston and Slater Schools in 1939, requested the disposition of her property:

To Mr. Tompkins, all monies in her possession including proceeds from Teachers' Retirement Fund after payment of certain legacies mentioned below; real estate owned by her at 419 Q Street, together with all furniture and furnishings except as otherwise disposed of; all the rest of her estate, real and personal. To Richard W. Tompkins, Jr., Bertha J. Phillips; 1 nephew, 4 grandnephew, \$100; to William B. Tompkins, grandnephew, \$25; to Albert Tompkins, \$25, and \$50 to the Home for the Aged of the AME Church, Baltimore, if Mr. Tompkins, Sr., named as executor, deems it advisable.

These bequests are to be paid from the Teachers' Retirement Fund. Those made to the grandnephews are upon request of her mother, the late Mrs. Mary E. Arnold.

Other bequests include: to Mrs. Lucille B. Tompkins, wife of Richard, Sr., fur coat; to a friend Gladys Hardin, jewelry, wearing apparel, and articles of personal adornment not otherwise disposed of.

Miss Arnold had no brothers or sisters, but other kin, accord-

REV. JARVIS LEFT ALL TO HIS WIDOW

The will of the late Rev. William D. Jarvis, 84, pastor emeritus of New Bethel Baptist Church, who died on August 25, filed for probate last week stated simply, "I leave all my personal and real property of every description and unconditionally to my wife, Mrs. Georgia A. Jarvis."

The widow was also named as executrix in the instrument dated February 25, 1938. No inventory or estimate of the value of the estate was filed. Other survivors include: three daughters: Mesdames Marie J. Lewis, Novella J. Syphax, and To Richard W. Tompkins, Jr., Bertha J. Phillips; 1 nephew, 4 grandnephew, \$100; to William B. Tompkins, grandnephew, \$25; to Albert Tompkins, \$25, and \$50 to the Home for the Aged of the AME Church, Baltimore, if Mr. Tompkins, Sr., named as executor, deems it advisable.

Housekeeper Willed \$70,000 Estate

OKLAHOMA CITY (ANP)—The will of late Mrs. Nellie E. Jones white, revealed last week that she left all of her estate, estimated to be around \$70,000 to her 61-year old Negro housekeeper. The housekeeper has been serving the Jones family for more than 40 years.

Shaw Teacher's Estate

The Washington Tribune
Valued at \$46,000
Washington, D.C. 9-12-45

Miss Anna E. Payne, teacher of English and history at Shaw Junior High School, who died in February, left an estate of approximately \$46,164.90, according to instruments recently filed in the District Probate Court.

Miss Payne's will was dated July 1, 1930. She died on last February 7. Letters of testamentary have been granted to Mrs. Marguerite Lemos, 2246 Twelfth Street, Northwest.

The will directed that a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Monroe, 77, an inmate of St. Elizabeth's Hospital since February 18, 1944; Mrs. Lemos, and Mrs. Julia Morrison be named executors of the estate. Each is to be paid \$100 to defray execution of the business.

Four Get \$300 Each

Miss Payne also bequeathed the sum of \$300 each to Miss Ella Henderson, Mrs. James Robinson, John Dichman, and Mrs. Mary Dichman, friends. The executors were requested to retain \$500 in the bank in trust, the interest upon which is to be used to keep up the family site at Woodlawn, Bennington, D.C.

"I will and bequeath to the school where there are students of my race all my books," was another direction contained in the will. The school was not named.

Miss Payne also asked her executors to give \$25 each to all her sisters, brothers, and nephews. The sisters are listed as Mrs. Monroe; Mrs. Mildred Turner, and Fannie Washington, the latter two of New York City. It is requested that the relatives purchase a home for the remainder of the family. The home is never to be sold but kept for a Home for Colored Boys.

Housekeeper Leaves \$70,000 To Employer

The New York Amsterdam News
New York, N.Y. 12-10-1-45
OKLAHOMA CITY (ANP).—The will of the late Mrs. Nettie Jones, white, revealed last week that she left all of her estate, estimated to be around \$70,000 to her 61-year-old Negro housekeeper. The housekeeper has been serving the Jones family for more than 40 years.

Hotel Omicron Is Open Again

PORTSMOUTH.—The Hotel Omicron, Portsmouth's only colored hostelry, is open and doing business again after a period of feuding with the OPA over price regulations.

Manager William W. Miles stated this week that the OPA modified its price regulations, enabling the hotel to reopen for business. Mr. Miles pointed out that the OPA did not order the hotel to close, but that the price regulations under which the hotel was ordered to operate forced the closing.

The hotel could not operate at profit under the former OPA schedule, he declared. A modification of this schedule enabled a reopening.

Negroes buy 400 room Detroit hotel

DETROIT.—The Smith-Walker Management co., a Negro concern, has taken over the Fairbairn hotel here, a 400-room structure which has been a familiar landmark for the past 20 years and was occupied by whites. *11-12-45*

The Smith-Walker co. is composed of Clifton Smith, who will manage the hotel, and Robert Walker, who is employed by the State Liquor Control commission. The building has 9 floors and a penthouse and is located downtown. *11-12-45*

Ga. Publisher Will's Money for Hospital

The Afro
Baltimore, Md. D.
MACON, Ga. — W. T. Anderson, the late publisher of the Macon Daily Telegraph and News, set aside funds in his will to establish a hospital to care for destitute colored people. *12-15-45*

No figure was made public. After family and servant bequests, he provided that the remaining portions of his estate be used to provide funds for unmarried white and colored mothers.

Mr. Anderson stated in his will that he was not discriminating against whites, because they would fare better in the hands of public authorities than colored people would. *12-15-45*

McDonald Buys Odd Fellow Building In Houston For \$100,000

HOUSTON, Tex.—A cash purchase of the large Odd Fellows Temple at Louisiana and Prairie streets for \$100,000 cash by Wm. "Bill" McDonald, Fort Worth banker, was announced this week.

Mr. McDonald, president of the only Negro-owned bank in Texas, announced that sometime in the future he will convert the large structure into a hotel, including modern storerooms on the ground floor. *12-8-45*

Dr. Green Leaves Estate of \$3,780

The Washington Tribune
Washington, D.C.
Dr. Annie E. G. Green, 73, chiropodist, who died on November 15, left an estate of \$5,780, cash and realty, the whole of which, with the exception of \$100, is to go to her son, Ralph Green, 2006 Tenth N.W.

Her will, dated July 18, leaves the \$100 to John R. Gilham, 1216 Kenyon Street, N.W. According to the petition for letters testamentary filed by Mr. Green, the widow left premises at 2022 Tenth Street, valued at \$2,179; premises at 2006 Tenth, valued at \$3,356, and \$245 in cash. *12-11-45*

Veteran Says Attempt Is Being Made To Cheat Him Out Of Mississippi Farm

The Informer
Houston, Texas 12-13-45
NEW ORLEANS —Magnolia, Pike County, Mississippi, just about 25 miles from the nationally-publicized Simmons case in which six white men were arrested, indicted and tried for the shotgun slaying of Reverend Isaac Simmons because he suspected they were trying to defraud him of his property, is the present scene of what is described by the complaint, Rev. William A. Hackett, as a conspiracy to seize and sell land owned by himself and other heirs because of the possibility of oil being discovered.

On Monday, Rev. William A. Hackett, veteran of World War 11, made the following statement to the New Orleans branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People:

"My name is Rev. William A. Hackett. At present I am a student at Leland university, Baker, Louisiana. I am a veteran of the late war, with an honorable discharge. I am one of nine heirs with two shares of land described as Northeast of Southwest of Section 32, Township 2 North, Range 8 East, and also the following described personal property: 1 two-horse Weber wagon; 1 eight inch Oliver steel turning plow; 1 Gee Whiz side harrow; 1 new Home sewing machine; 1 kitchen cabinet; 1 single barrel shotgun; 1 ten-inch Oliver steel turning plow; 1 Georgia stock and various points for said plows; and 1 eight-day mantle clock.

"Since 1936, I have been billed with the taxes for said property and have paid same. I have never lived on the place or received one penny of compensation. I asked to buy out the other heirs of the property, but they refused.

"There appears to be conspiracy on the part of some of the heirs and certain whites to sell this land for the purpose of having it drilled for oil.

"Chris Hackett, one of the heirs, has put the place on the market for sale at a low price of \$473; none of the heirs were contacted or informed of the intended sale of the place. The only name appearing on the deed is that of the complainant who has met all the requirements of the law of the city of Magnolia, Pike County, insofar as taxes are concerned.

"On December 8, I am informed by my lawyer, J. Gordon

Roche; of McComb, the place is to be auctioned off. At no time has the matter gone through the due process of court or any legal notification of same posted in any manner. I further testify that through the Veterans' Administration, Masonic Temple Building, New Orleans, that I am in position under the present law to borrow sufficient money to buy out other heirs and have every reason to believe that the lawyer representing Curtis Hackett and others have conspired to deprive me of what is mine.

"I am now taking a religious course under the GI bill of rights. I request that the New Orleans Branch NAACP take any steps possible to see that I am protected." Signed: Rev. William A. Hackett.

Rev. Hackett also submitted a letter dated November 19, 1945, from the State of Mississippi War Council, Office of the Governor: "Reverend W. A. Hackett, Leland College, Baker, Louisiana. *12-13-45*

Dear Reverend Hackett:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letters dated October 29, November 5 and November 12, 1945 in regard to your difficulties over the disposal of the land in question, which you state is about to be sold. On November 5, my secretary acknowledged receipt of two of your letters and I am now attempting to answer them all at the same time.